

MR. SMITH A POOR BOOKKEEPER, BUT NOT DISHONEST.

Committee of Investigation Finds Bookkeeping Does Not Comply With Requirements of Vermont Statutes. So Reports to Council.

AUDITORS REPORT UPHOLD BY FINDINGS

But Committee Also Finds That Mr. Smith Was Not Excessively Extravagant in the Aid Furnished City's Unfortunate.

The report of the commission appointed by Mayor Barclay to investigate the overseer of the poor department of the city reported at a meeting of the city council last evening. Overseer Charles A. Smith was exonerated from all suspicion of dishonesty, but was declared to have been lax in methods. In brief the commission finds:

WHAT MR. SMITH DID DO.

Conducted book keeping in a manner not to comply with Vermont statutes, city ordinances, or city charter.

Gave more liberally than past custom.

Got security from many of those helped the most.

Reported case of Mrs. William Mitchell to council Sept. 13, 1904.

Used personal check in place of vouchers.

Filed personal checks as vouchers, which could not be used by the auditors.

Got assignment of wages, some to overseer, others to Charles A. Smith personally.

Did last generally under advice of city attorney.

WHAT MR. SMITH DID NOT DO.

Was not excessively extravagant.

Did not exceed his duty in removing Mrs. William C. Mitchell to the city farm after she was injured.

Did not conform to the law as heretofore practiced by city officials in making up his accounts.

Was not dishonest.

The commission recommends system and accuracy.

The report was accepted almost without comment by the council, with the exception that they considered there should be less lax methods hereafter. The entire report is as follows:

Gentlemen:—Your committee appointed by the mayor, by authority of a resolution adopted by the city council Feb. 6th, 1905,

"To make a thorough investigation of all expenditures and all matters connected with the support of the poor for the past nine months."

Respectfully reports as follows:

We find by Vermont statutes that an overseer of the poor shall keep in a book for that purpose an itemized account of moneys received and expended by him, and debts incurred against the city. The account shall state from whom such money was received and for whom and what purpose expenditures have been made, and debts incurred.

We find by the city charter and ordinances that for each and every payment of money made by him, aforesaid, he shall obtain a voucher showing the date and in detail the materials, supplies, labor and relief for which the payment is made, and which voucher shall be signed by the actual person, firm or corporation to whom the payment was made.

We find that the overseer's method of book-keeping, accepting, paying and filing bills and vouchers, is not such as complies with the wording or intent of the Vermont statutes, city charter or ordinances, as they have been heretofore interpreted for the conducting of this and other city offices.

There has not been excessive extravagance in the help furnished those who were unfortunate and needed same, but that there has been more liberal assistance given than in the past, which by the sentiment expressed through the press and by private speech appeared to be the wish of the people.

That some of the heaviest bills for support or aid were in favor of those who partially or wholly secured the overseer for expenditures made, and in several cases those helped had a balance their due on Dec. 31st, 1904, as shown by overseer's books.

Although some expenditures might be criticised, we are unable to find that the overseer exceeded his authority in any particular case, or that his judgment or act was such as to bring any material loss to the city.

In the Mrs. William Mitchell case it is our opinion from the

testimony heard that she left the city farm contrary to the orders of the overseer and attending physician, and that further aid should be rendered if applied for.

That the overseer did not exceed his duty in removing her to the city farm when first injured. It further appears by the city clerk's records that on Sept. 13th, 1904, Overseer Smith presented this case in writing to the city council, and it was disposed of by referring to the overseer, city attorney and charity committee to adjust.

Substitution of vouchers as mentioned in auditor's report, we believe to be a case of faulty methods in using personal check as voucher. The overseer having a perfect right to keep all funds furnished him by the city if he so desires, or to deposit in bank, and distribute by personal check.

In this case he used personal check, filing same as voucher for expenditure, together with itemized memorandum on voucher blank, later filed receipted bill for part of same, and still later, as we understand it, filed another memorandum to show part of expenditure covered by said check. All or any part of which did not conform to the law as heretofore practiced by city officials.

The memoranda which were filed could not be used by auditors, they being obliged to use book accounts with vouchers in detail, properly certified, to verify by.

We find that assignments of wages and other property rights have been taken as security for help rendered, and to be rendered, by overseer.

We find that some of these are assignments to the overseer in his official character, others personally, dependent on circumstances, conditions and character of consideration assigned.

We find that the same have generally been made under advice of the city attorney's office.

Having no authority to summon or swear witnesses, your committee was unable to procure all testimony that might be desirable to thoroughly verify all actions of the overseer, but feel that this report covers the transactions during the term designated in the resolution authorizing its appointment in a fair and impartial manner.

We believe from all information brought to our attention, that Mr. Smith, as overseer of the poor, has conducted the office with the best of intentions, honestly and at a large expense of personal attention. And that the necessity for the criticism your committee have made is caused by the overseer not realizing the necessity of system and accuracy in recording all transactions in proper form, and in not insisting on proper vouchers for a reference and verification in all cases.

Aldrich Library Discussion.

The transfer of the lot of land on the corner of Washington and Elm streets by the city to the Aldrich Library trustees was brought up by E. W. Bisbee and N. D. Phelps, who reported that the trustees had found they could not accept the deed as drawn up by the city attorney, as some parts of it were not compatible with the provisions of the will of the late Leonard F. Aldrich, who gave the funds for the library. The trustees, therefore, presented a deed for the consideration of the council and it will be considered by the council in conjunction with the city attorney.

Both Mr. Bisbee and Mr. Phelps spoke at some length and were questioned by the members.

The deed presented by the city attorney stated that the library should be kept open all the time. This, declared the trustees, they were unable to guarantee, as they didn't know if they would have funds enough for it, but they would keep it open as long during the day as they were able. The Gordon deed stipulated that the trustees should provide room for the city's books, as many as should be accumulated. The trustees stated that they were prepared to house as many as possible, but if the library stock rooms should become filled up and the city should acquire a lot of new books, the trustees might not have funds to build additional stock room. In that contingency, they would not be able to live up to the provisions of the deed. The Gordon deed stipulated that the building be erected within three years, and that if burned it should be replaced within one year's time. The trustees maintained that the latter condition would not be possible. Said the trustees, the deed presented by the city attorney is full of conditions and restriction which cannot be complied with according to the will.

Robins wanted the trustees' deed accepted and made that motion. Albini objected and wanted it referred to City Attorney Gordon, also Sowden, while McKenzie and Burke thought the deed would come back from the city attorney about the same as his original one. The motion to refer the new deed to the city attorney prevailed. This is, according to the motion, to determine the legality of the trustees' deed.

The trustees said they wanted the people of Barre city and Barre town to know just the condition of the Aldrich property in trust as it was really decided to the city and town, only to be held in trust by seven men. So they stated the financial condition. Within a very short time they could lay their hands on \$42,000 in money. They estimated the National Bank corner to be worth \$15,000, woodland at the quarry and property in Minneapolis to increase

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WAS WON BY NELSON.

"Young Corbett" Finished in Nine Rounds.

BOTH MEN IN CONDITION

Corbett Rushed Opponent for First Few Rounds, but Tide Began to Turn in the Fifth — Attendance Over 4,000.

Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco, Feb. 28.—"Battling" Nelson of Chicago, in nine rounds defeated "Young Corbett," ex-champion featherweight of the world, when they met for the second time at Woodward's Pavilion tonight in a contest to determine which of the two should meet Champion Britt in a return match. Between 4,000 and 5,000 persons witnessed the spectacle, and it is estimated that the receipts will approximate \$15,000.

Nelson entered the ring a favorite in the betting. Corbett received a great ovation when he entered the arena. Corbett, who after has claimed lack of condition as the cause of his recent defeat by Nelson, realized that defeat tonight might send him into pugilistic obscurity. He had trained faithfully for two months and tonight announced that he was in perfect shape. His statement was corroborated as he stripped for action, as it was evident that the man who had twice lowered the colors of McGovern, was fit for the battle of his life. He looked fresh, strong and confident, and expressed himself as hopeful of an early and easy victory.

Nelson likewise had devoted himself to a drastic course in training but had experienced difficulty in making the specified weight. He continued his conditioning process until the day of the fight, while Corbett spent the last day in rest. It was learned that Nelson spent part of today in a bath establishment, in order to save his forfeit. Physically he showed little signs of the wear and tear of this training.

Corbett was the first to enter the ring at 9:54, and Nelson at 10:07. They shook hands cordially and then went to their corners. The contest, which was a 10 round affair, Marquis of Queensbury, was called at 10:08. In the first three rounds Corbett had a shade the better of it. In the fourth it was an even thing, and the fifth was Nelson's by a wide margin. Corbett went to his corner groggy at the end of the sixth and he took a terrific beating in the seventh. It was all Nelson's round.

In the eighth round Corbett lunged out wildly with left and they mixed it in the center in the eighth, Corbett landing several uppers to the jaw, dazing the Dane! There was a terrific uproar, but Nelson kept after Corbett and landed almost at will. He forced Corbett to the ropes with left and right swings to head and body. He kept up this work, Corbett fighting with an exhibition of gameness seldom seen in a ring. Nelson drove Corbett in his own corner, raining right and left to the jaw. He kept on administering terrific punishment. Corbett was game and fought back like a wild man, landing two hard rights to the jaw. Nelson then got Corbett against the ropes and Corbett threw his arms around his own face to protect himself from the Dane's terrific punishment. The gong rang with Corbett in this position and all but out.

In the ninth and last round, Corbett broke ground and received a straight left and then sent a straight right to the jaw. Corbett sent in two lefts to the face and then shot a straight left to the chin, but Nelson retaliated in kind, giving blow for blow. The champion was again buffeted about the ring, and a right to the jaw sent him to the ropes. Suddenly Corbett shot two straight rights to the jaw, but Nelson never moved an inch. Corbett rallied again, driving left and right to the face. They worked to the center of the ring, Corbett finally going to the floor from a straight right, which caught him on the jaw. He took the count, got up, but was so groggy that he could scarcely stand. Nelson went at him like a tiger at this point, seeing that their man was hopelessly defeated, the seconds threw up the sponge and Corbett was borne to his corner. Nelson was given the decision.

MAIL CARRIERS WON.

Took All Three Strings From Clerks Last Evening.

The mail carriers again defeated the clerks at Alexander's alleys last evening, by taking all three strings.

The score:

MAIL CARRIERS.			
Spear	183	188	138-569
Converse	151	130	199-480
Goodwin	170	170	138-468
Dyer	178	188	145-511
Houghton	178	196	146-490
Total	860	842	816-3518

CLERKS.

Lewis	123	127	155-405
Briggs	99	134	173-406
Fraser	180	217	154-552
Anstun	131	123	143-395
Averill	178	177	185-540
Total	711	778	809-2298

Northfield Won from Goddard 2nd.

Goddard seminary's second basketball team suffered defeat at Northfield last evening, at the hands of the high school of that town. The score stood 55 to 18 against the Goddard boys. The high school boys had the advantage of superior weight and much more practice.

CUTTERS AT QUINCY OUT

New Agreement Not Reached Before Old Expired.

UNION REJECTED OFFER

Of Manufacturers to Pay \$3 to All Who Earned It — Want a \$3 a Day Minimum Wage for All Cutters.

Quincy, Mass., March 1.—In accordance with the action taken last night, rejecting the manufacturers' proposition, none of the granite cutters reported for work this morning, and a strike is on. The cutters will hold a meeting this afternoon, but it is not known what action, if any, will be taken by the manufacturers in view of the new turn in the situation.

Twelve hundred cutters are out today and hundreds of other workmen are also idle. It is expected that within a short time, unless a settlement is reached, that about 2,200 men will be out of employment. The manufacturers expect that the contest will be protracted. Many of the tool sharpeners are idle and the quartermen will also be laid off until the difficulty is settled. The polishers and other workmen will also leave the sheds.

No attempt has been made to engage others to fill the places of the strikers so far as is known.

The manufacturers proposed a minimum wage of \$3 a day, provided, that should any man fail to earn this sum the question of his compensation should be left to an arbitration committee. The union insists on a minimum wage of \$3 a day for all cutters.

The agreement under which the men have been working expired last night and, pending a failure to agree on a new one, the men are out.

YES OR NO.

[Communicated.]

The "Press Committee" of the license party said in Monday's papers, "How many trains will come from the hill on Saturday nights if the town votes no." Does any one believe that such a vote would stop these trains? Is the open saloon the only thing in Barre city that attracts people from the hill? Were there no trains from the hill before the saloons were opened in our city two years ago?

They said further, "We hear that the storekeepers of Montpelier are working like beavers electing for the yes vote." What are the facts in the case? A canvass of all the merchants of Montpelier failed to find any who are in favor of license except the saloon keepers and five others, all of whom have always been strong license advocates. Nearly every merchant in Montpelier has a "no license" card displayed in his store window and every merchant who has been asked has given his money for the "no license" campaign. One of the merchants interviewed said "You tell them for me that it is all a lie."

"You know you will follow the lead" is more of the appeal sent out. Some "old toppers" who are slaves of the drink habit will follow the saloon, but we resent the base slander on the manhood of our city contained in the above statement.

IVAN BURNHAM ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Woodbury Young Man Attempts to Take Life Because of Despondency — Not Expected to Live.

Woodbury, March 1.—Ivan Burnham, a young man aged 27 years, attempted to commit suicide this morning at his home in this town, while his mother was out of the house doing work at the barn. He shot himself with a 32 calibre rifle, the bullet entering his body about two inches above his heart. A doctor was summoned and stated his chances of recovery were slight. The young man had been suffering with rheumatic fever recently and had had family difficulties. It is thought that brooding on these troubles and his ill health caused him to attempt to take his life. He is married but does not live with his wife. His wife's name was Sue Barrows and she is from Morrisville. Burnham worked for several years in the Montpelier central telephone office as operator and later as collector for the company. His father, LeRoy Burnham, was employed for many years as cabinet maker in the National Life Insurance building at Montpelier.

SIMMONS CAPTURED.

Man Wanted in Montpelier for Embellishment Is Found.

Montpelier, March 1.—Sheriff Frank Tracey received word today from Boston that Charles Simmons, who is wanted here on the charge of embellishment, has been arrested in Boston and is willing to return to Vermont without requisition papers. Sheriff Tracey left for Boston today to get the man. Simmons was employed here by Emalie & Broadfoot, and it is claimed that he collected bills for them and did not turn over the money.

CONCERT WELL ATTENDED.

Presbyterians Net Nice Sum for Benefit of Sunday School Library.

There was a large and enthusiastic audience at the concert in the Presbyterian church last evening, given for the benefit of the Sunday school library. The various musical numbers on the programme were very well rendered, as were the readings by Miss Murphy and Dr. Lynde.

The exhibition by the Boys' Brigade under the direction and training of Capt. Alex Cruickshank deserves especial mention. The boys gave as good an exhibition of acrobatic feats as could be seen in any contest by professional acrobats. Capt. Cruickshank deserves great credit for his excellent work with the boys of the brigade.

At the close of the programme there was a hearty vote of thanks given to those who had so kindly taken part in the entertainment.

The church will net a nice sum toward the purchase of new books for the library.

REINHALTER SHEDS RENTED.

Leland Hall Co. of New York Will Occupy Plant at North Barre.

The Leland Hall Granite company of New York yesterday leased the J. B. Reinhalter company's plant at North Barre and took possession today. The Reinhalter plant was built about three years ago, and is one of the best equipped in the city. The Leland, Hall Co. are successful retailers, and have had a small plant in this city for several years, with which they could do only a part of their work themselves, but now, with the large Reinhalter plant, they will be able to do all of their own work in first class shape, and of course run a larger gang of men.

JURY COULD NOT AGREE IN COVER CASE

Reported It Stood 5 to 1 for Conviction — No Date Fixed for a New Trial of Case.

After being out an hour and ten minutes, the jury in the case of Wallace Cover, charged with alleged keeping a house of ill fame, decided they could not agree and were discharged by the court last evening. It is understood that they stood five to one for conviction. The jurymen were K. W. Morse, A. C. Averill, R. T. Gordon, F. T. Cutler, E. T. Arey and Robert Barclay.

The case lasted a day and a half and the court room was crowded with people during all the hours of the session. State's Attorney S. Hollister Jackson prosecuted the case and M. M. Gordon and E. L. Scott defended Cover.

It has not yet been decided when a new trial will be given.

CHARGED WITH FURNISHING.

W. H. Northrop Arrested and Is Held for Trial on Friday.

William H. Northrop, employed at Lummie Bros. livery stable, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with furnishing liquor to Dr. A. H. H. Lewis. He pleaded not guilty in city court yesterday, and his case was continued until next Friday morning. Bail was fixed at \$300 and at this writing he had been unable to secure his bail or counsel.

PEDROLI PAID \$16.31.

For Letting His Hound Chase a Deer in Woodbury.

Peter Pedrol of this city was arrested and brought before a justice in Woodbury Saturday on the charge of letting a hound owned by him chase and kill deer in the woods in Woodbury. Pedrol pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$5 and costs of \$10.61. Pedrol's family live in Hardwick, but he is employed in this city.

ATHENAS ENTERTAIN CLOVERS.

Two Clubs Pass Very Enjoyable Evening at Mrs. C. L. Bugbee's.

The members of the Athena club with the Clover club as their guests, passed an hour of unusual interest, at the home of Mrs. C. L. Bugbee last evening. A very entertaining talk on German life was given by Mrs. C. R. Allen, Jr., who, as a student and tourist, had gathered the best in her brief sojourn in Germany, and she told them in a most enthusiastic manner. A collection of views of historic and beautiful scenery and quaint German costumes were shown.

After this interesting talk by Mrs. Allen, an original poem on "The Legend of St. Elizabeth" was read by Mrs. R. A. Hoar.

A dainty collation was served while Gilbertson's orchestra rendered several selections. Mrs. G. A. Bond and Mrs. E. W. Jackson presided at the tables, which were decorated with carnations, the flower of the Athena Club, and in the center was a suggestive lake, surrounded by amilax.

Souvenirs of the occasion were presented and Mrs. Allen was presented a bouquet of carnations.

IROQUOIS TRIBE VISITED.

Members Wachuson Tribe of East Barre Entertained.

At the meeting of Iroquois tribe of Red Men, No. 16, held in Odd Fellows Hall last evening, one brother received the chief's degree, one pale-face received the adoption degree, seven applicants were twined upon and two applicants were received. About 20 members of Wachuson tribe, No. 19, of East Barre, visited Iroquois tribe. After the work was finished all retired to the forest, where corn and venison was served by Pale-face John Maiden. After the banquet a very enjoyable time was passed, with songs and recitations by the chiefs.

HAS A DEBT OF \$517.95

Has Barre - Montpelier Base Ball Association.

GATE RECEIPTS LARGEST

Of Any Team in the State League — Deficit Is Smaller Than That of Most of the Teams—Meeting Adjourned.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Inter-City Athletic association, which was called to be held in Miles' hall last evening after being called together, adjourned until Thursday evening at 8 o'clock March 9, on the motion of W. N. Theriault of Montpelier. The reason for the adjournment was that many of the stockholders were attending the meeting of the Elks at Montpelier last evening, who would otherwise have been present, and it was thought better to have as many stockholders present as possible before any important business was done. It was incorporated in Mr. Theriault's motion that the secretary have an itemized account of the expenses for the past year printed and sent to every stockholder before the next meeting.

Mr. Theriault said that the people of Montpelier were fully as enthusiastic for a base ball team as last year. He also said that there was absolutely no truth to the statement which appeared in the Montpelier Argus last evening to the effect that a report was being circulated that the base ball meeting was likely to be postponed until after the March election because if either of the cities voted no this year there would probably be no base ball team. An account of the financial standing given out by the secretary, John T. Averill, shows that the total receipts from games was \$8,317.96, which was the largest amount taken in by any team in the league. The association ran behind just \$517.95 when compared with Burlington's ton's \$4,000 deficit and St. Alban's \$900, it does not look so large and also when it is considered that \$2,000 had to be expended on the Inter-City grounds.

With a reasonable limit made for the salaries to be paid the players next year, there is no reason why the Barre-Montpelier team cannot be run on a paying basis. An itemized account of the association for the year appears below:

RECEIPTS.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$1,040.00
Booth privileges.....	100.00
Score cards.....	125.00
Electric R. R.....	350.00
M. & W. R. R.....	15.00
Advertising.....	60.00
Receipts from games.....	8,317.96
Total.....	\$10,007.96

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of team.....	\$5,833.30
Traveling expenses.....	1,462.98
Room and board.....	348.73
Advertising.....	169.48
Tel. and telegraphing.....	68.33
Work on grounds.....	379.59
Grand stand and bleachers.....	1,419.08
Exhibition games.....	393.50
Umpires.....	108.50
Uniforms, bats, etc.....	197.51
Miscellaneous bills.....	98.35
Trespass on grounds.....	50.00
Cash on hand.....	2.31
Total.....	\$10,607.96

BILLS UNPAID.

Pavilion hotel.....	\$ 31.50
Ticket seller.....	50.00
Policing.....	77.50
Band.....	115.53
Perkins.....	195.00
Kenyon & Co.....	48.40
Total.....	\$517.95

FUNERAL OF REUBEN A. DREW.

Was Held from House on Pearl Street Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Reuben A. Drew was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from his late home in the Buzzel block, Rev. F. A. Poole of the Congregational church officiating. A large number of friends and relatives gathered and many beautiful floral tributes were given. The pall bearers were Ed. Drew, F. C. Little, W. E. Corlies, and Henry Bradley. The body was placed in the tomb in Elmwood cemetery.

Funeral of George Taisy.

Groton, March 1.—The funeral services of the late George Taisy were held from the old homestead near this village this afternoon. The interment was in the Groton cemetery. Mr. Taisy was 60 years of age and had lived on the farm where he died all his life, as had his father before him. The deceased leaves besides his wife, three sons.

Son of E. R. Davis Dead.

Raymond, the 6 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis of Allen street died at 5 o'clock this morning, after a three weeks' illness with pneumonia. He was a bright, active little fellow, and the bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this city.